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Elizabeth Henry Campbell Russell (1749–1825)

SALTVILLE
METHODIST LAY LEADER

Setting a charitable example, Elizabeth Henry Campbell Russell fostered the fledgling Methodist Church in southwestern Virginia as a devoted adherent and through material and compassionate support of the church.



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Emily White Fleming (1855–1941)

FREDERICKSBURG
PRESERVATIONIST

Emily White Fleming preserved numerous Fredericksburg landmarks for future generations.

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Lucy Addison (1861–1937)

ROANOKE
EDUCATOR

A pioneering educator, Lucy Addison developed the first accredited high school for Roanoke's African American community.

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LUCY ADDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL, ROANOKE



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Bessie Niemeyer Marshall (1884–1960)

PETERSBURG
BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATOR

Bessie Niemeyer Marshall created detailed watercolors of plants as part of a federally funded project that rescued a Petersburg park.

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Eleanor Bontecou (1891–1976)

ARLINGTON COUNTY
ATTORNEY

Eleanor Bontecou overcame debilitating illness to combat discrimination against Japanese Americans during World War II, study the treatment of conscientious objectors, and counsel federal government employees accused of subversive activities during the McCarthy era.



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COURTESY OF FELICIA ROGAN



Felicia Warburg Rogan

ALBEMARLE COUNTY
VINTNER

Felicia Warburg Rogan's efforts to promote Virginia's wine industry have earned her the title "the First Lady of Virginia Wine."



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Lillian Lincoln Lambert

MECHANICSVILLE
ENTREPRENEUR AND AUTHOR

Overcoming racial and gender prejudices, Lillian Lincoln Lambert became the first African American woman to earn an MBA from the Harvard Business School.



COURTESY OF PEARL FU



Pearl Fu

ROANOKE
CIVIC LEADER

By directing the annual Local Colors festival, Pearl Fu celebrates the ethnic and cultural diversity of the Roanoke area.



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